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Active streets community event on June 10 will encourage Orange County residents to explore newly connected trails

Anaheim and Yorba Linda, Calif. – OC Parks, the City of Yorba Linda, the City of Anaheim and the *Go Human* campaign invite area residents and visitors to bike, walk, skate or roll to *Connect the Loop*, an active-streets community event on Saturday, June 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., that will allow residents to preview street improvements coming to the area.

The improvements serve to close a critical gap in the OC Loop, a 66-mile network of comfortable trails around Orange County. The new project connects the El Cajon Trail with the Santa Ana River Trail, using innovative separated bikeway facilities along community streets.

“Connect the Loop is about celebrating connected open spaces all of us can use,” said Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer. *“The 66-mile OC Loop, once fully connected, will allow people to bike and walk seamlessly throughout the region. This demonstration project will illustrate how we can connect the gaps, integrate the trails, and make active transportation easier and safer for everyone.”*

At the event, residents and visitors will get to test out temporary street features that make walking and biking safer and more enjoyable, such as a two-way parking-protected bike lane and an improved shared-use path. *Connect the Loop* will bring friends and neighbors together to enjoy music, food trucks, entertainment, family-friendly activities, a free children’s bike rodeo, giveaways, and more. Those who provide feedback through the *Go Human* Challenge will also be entered into a raffle for a chance to win bicycles.

Attendees can connect to this free street event on foot, by bike, skateboard, scooter or transit. Those who come without a bike will also be able to borrow one for free at the *Go Human* booth.

A press event will take place at the event stage near the intersection of Fairmont Blvd. and East La Palma Ave. at 11:15 a.m. Representatives from the host agencies are scheduled to speak.

Connect the Loop provides residents and neighbors with the opportunity to envision, experience and provide feedback on plans for safer streets in Orange County.

SCAG’s *Go Human* campaign is working with cities across Southern California to develop open streets events and safety demonstration projects, such as *Connect the Loop*, which promote safety while encouraging people to walk and bike more.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of SCAG, said active transportation helps reduce traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and chronic diseases. “Dedicating resources to increase the accessibility of walking and biking makes communities healthier, both physically and economically,” Ikhata said. “Southern California has adopted a regional transportation plan that makes a significant investment in active transportation, and projects like the OC Loop make good on that commitment.”

Connect the Loop is the product of a partnership between OC Parks, the City of Yorba Linda and City of Anaheim, Clean Transportation Funding – MSRC and SCAG’s *Go Human* campaign. For more information, visit GoHumanSoCal.org/Events.

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About SCAG

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG, please visit: www.scag.ca.gov.

About Go Human

Due to the increase in traffic collisions involving people walking and bicycling, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) launched *Go Human*, an active transportation safety and encouragement campaign. Go Human aims to increase the number of people walking and biking and decrease the number of collisions that involve people walking and biking. The campaign is a collaboration between SCAG and the health departments and transportation commissions from six counties in the region; Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. For more information, visit: www.gohumansocal.org.